

1 1. A device for locating an item packaged in a container
2 among potentially obscuring protective material, said device
3 comprises:

4 an elongated flexible tether extractably loaded upon a
5 dispenser anchorable to said container.

1 2. The device of Claims 1, wherein said tether comprises a
2 first end connected to a fastener attachable to said item.

1 3. The device of Claims 2, wherein said dispenser
2 comprises a stratified body having a bottom adhesive layer
3 and a top layer.

1 4. The device of Claims 3, wherein said tether is formed
2 integrally with said top layer.

1 5. The device of Claims 4, wherein said tether further
2 comprises a plurality of undulations thereby forming a
3 resiliency enhancing structure.

1 6. The device of Claims 3, which further comprises said top
2 layer being shaped to form a weakened bond between said
3 tether and a remainder portion of said top layer.

1 7. The device of Claims 6, wherein said weakened bond
2 comprises an aperture separating a portion of said tether
3 from said remainder portion.

1 8. The device of Claims 4, wherein said top layer is formed
2 from a single piece of flexible sheet material.

1 9. The device of Claims 8, wherein said flexible sheet
2 material is selected from the group consisting of an
3 elastomeric, vinyl, or latex rubber.

1 10. The method of Claim 1, wherein said tether is
2 separable into one or more subtethers.

1 11. The device of Claims 2, wherein said fastener comprises
2 a widened portion of said tether into a sheet-like pad.

1 12. The device of Claims 11, wherein said pad is shaped to
2 form an attachment eye through said pad.

1 13. The device of Claims 11, wherein said device further
2 comprises an adhesive disk formed on a first surface of said
3 pad.

1 14. The device of Claims 1, wherein said dispenser further
2 comprises a badge adapted to carry item identification
3 information.

1 15. The device of Claims 2, wherein said tether is adapted
2 to carry an electrical signal indicating connection of said
3 fastener to said item.

1 16. The device of Claims 2, wherein said fastener is
2 selected from the group consisting of:

3 a piece of sticky tape;
4 an amount of glue;
5 a rivet;
6 a staple
7 complementary magnetic strips;
8 complementary hook-and-vane fasteners;
9 twist tie materials;
10 a clip; and
11 a sealable bag.

1 17. A device for locating an item packaged within a
2 container among potentially obscuring protective material
3 comprises:

4 an elongated flexible tether having a first end
5 connected to an anchorment and a second end attachable to
6 said item; and

7 means for dispensing a portion of said tether from said
8 anchorment.

1 18. The device of Claim 17, which further comprises means
2 for fastening said second end to said container.

1 19. A method for packaging an item for transport in a
2 container among potentially obscuring protective material

comprises:

releasably fastening a first end of a tether-based connector to said item; and

anchoring a second end of said connector to said container.

20. The method of Claim 19, wherein said method further comprises dispensing a length of tether from said connector.